



PREF PROPELLER

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SUPT.'S CORNER

By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent

This week's concern is simple. I will no longer tolerate any residents in the Vocational Building without having possession of a pass or without having been given permission by a staff person. Too many times I find residents with no purpose wandering in areas that they have no business in. If we are to think of PREF as a small community, then the Vocational Building would be an industrial warehouse. Wandering into a building such as this in the community would not be tolerated; therefore, it will not be tolerated at this facility. From this point on, any resident found to be in the Vocational Building without permission from a staff member or being in possession of a pass, will be considered a disciplinary violation to include the possibility of being transferred to another facility.

ACES WILD

By: Dalton Haney

This is a reminder to everyone at PREF, staff and residents alike, that tomorrow will be the second concert held at PREF. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and will take place behind the Recreation Building. The concert will begin with several bands composed of PREF residents and will culminate with a performance by ACES WILD, a local cover band. Everyone is encouraged to attend the performance.

OPINION COLUMN

Topic: For or against uniforms for all Indiana school students?

I'd have to say that I'm, I guess, for *and* against uniforms for all Indiana school students.

On the one side, I'm for them because I could see it eliminating the problem that most schools have with the students making it about going to school to show off their new clothes, new shoes and such, and allowing for that to create some serious competition between the classmates. These competitions can be damaging beyond the material. In all of that, the focus on their academics is lost.

On the other side, I'm against uniforms for all Indiana school students because it completely takes away an individual's freedom of expression and right to decide for him or herself what they want to wear to school for that day, and what a person wears, most of the time, can and will determine how they feel.

I can't help but to think back to when I was in school and how much more important it was that the clothes that you had on were clean and neat rather than who was the designer, if it was in style, or whether it was a uniform or not.

- Dwight Cobbs #891991

Uniforms for all Indiana school students?! That is the craziest idea I have heard all year. Why? Because, for one, this is a free country and school students should

be allowed to wear to school whatever they please. If what they wear to school is deemed inappropriate, then let the school administrators decide how to handle each individual case. A student could be sent home to change, be assigned to one class room for that day for studies; eat lunch in that class room, use the restroom in that class room, and not be seen by the other students due to their inappropriate dress.

Another thing, there is all this talk about uniforms for all Indiana school students, but there is no real talk as to why. What is the reasoning behind such a thing?

It's a dress code now. It will be a hair code later. Later on, students will only be allowed to wear their hair in certain styles. They are in school, not in prison.

- Anonymous

Next week's topic: The recent raise in property taxes.

CONTRIBUTING

By: Dalton Haney, PIO

Hello everyone. I hope you enjoyed last weeks Special Edition PREF Propeller. I would now like to invite everyone to use this newsletter as much as possible. Like the newspaper disseminates information to citizens in the community, I would like to bring the same opportunity to all of you.

If anyone reading this today has a topic that they would like addressed in the newsletter, we (Mr. Cobbs or myself) would be happy to report out on it. I would like to thank everyone who has participated in contributing to the newsletter so far and hope that you continue to do so. Also, I look forward to hearing from everyone else who might have an amazing idea or comment but is afraid to share it.

LAW LIBRARY

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Effective immediately, the law library has new hours of access and usage. The new hours are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

7:30am to 11:15am

12:30pm (after count clears) to 3:45pm

4:00pm (after count clears) to 6:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday

7:30am to 11:15am

12:30pm (after count clears) to 3:45pm

4:00pm (after count clears) to 8:30pm

** The law library is closed during visiting hours and on weekends and holidays.*

RESOURCE LIBRARY

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

The hours for access and usage of the resource library are as follows:

Monday through Friday

7:30am to 11:15am

12:30pm (after count clears) to 3:30pm

GED SUCCESSES

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

PREF recently became designated as an addendum GED Test Site for the Indiana Department of Education.

Clinton Burchfield, Robert Reffitt and John Welford took and passed the GED, earning their diplomas as well as 6 months off of their sentences.

Congratulations to you gentlemen!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

By: David White, Building Trades

The resident population of PREF would like to thank the group from King's Way Church located in Avon, along with Ms. Helms, for making time and taking time out

to allow us the opportunity to enjoy our birthdays. Their efforts towards the preparation of this and other events are always appreciated. We all spent an hour and a half enjoying our birthdays. It was all positive. I'm a big fan of a good joke, and I heard some good ones from quite a few people during the party. We had some really good pizza. We all got gifts for our birthday from Kings Way Church, which included various hygiene items and other nice things. The party was concluded with a prayer.

After the party it was back to reality, which was preparing ourselves for release. It was back to being productive as well as remaining drug-free. It may seem to some that you're walking a tight rope. Just remember to stay positive. We need to take our knowledge, skills, and accomplishments and do great things with them. Welcome the challenge, whatever that challenge might be, and stay in control.

Thanks again Kings Way Church.

THE 4TH

By: Frank Wederzak, Resident

A lot of us who are incarcerated have a tendency to look at the glass as half empty. We complain and get into the poor pitiful me stage; I'm as guilty of this as the next man.

While I sit here writing this, reflecting on things that happened today (July 4, 2007) I wonder how many of us thanked all the people who took time out of their holiday to not only come here, but also to buy, cook and serve the meal we had today. I would like to thank them for the wonderful meal. I know a good portion of us enjoyed the meal and I'm truly grateful for it.

I would also like to take this opportunity to not only thank the staff who help us, but also to thank all of the many volunteers who make PREF what it is on a daily basis. I ask you all to join me in every opportunity

you're given to thank these wonderful people.

THANK YOU ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Great minds have purpose. Others have wishes.

- Washington Irving

HAVE A LAUGH

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Flower shop sign: "Come stick your nose in our business."

Suggestions for The PREF Propeller should be e-mailed to Mr. Dalton Haney, PREF PIO, with a subject line of "PREF Propeller" or given to Mr. Dwight Cobbs, PREF PIO Clerk, Young-dorm.